GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Crime by Illegal arms
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received complaints with regard to use of unlicensed/illegal/banned arms by criminals in several parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total number of such cases reported, illegal arms/weapons seized/confiscated, persons arrested, convicted and the action taken against the guilty during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the total number of illegal arms/weapons in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of directives issued by the Government to the States and the Police Departments to stop such cases in future along with the other measures taken to check such crimes in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) Yes, Madam. There have been reports of arresting and filing criminal cases against a number of persons under the relevant provisions of the Arms Act 1959. Illegal weapons including AK-47/56 Rifles were seized from the arrested persons.
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(b) The details of cases relating to unlicenced, licenced, other arms and ammunitions seized; and persons convicted/arrested etc., state-wise, are at Annexure − I and Annexure − II respectively.
(c)National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has started assessment and collection of data regarding seizure of illegal arms/ ammunitions from 2014 onwards and put it on their website under caption "Crime in India".
(d) The compliance of various provisions of the Arms Act is the responsibility of all concerned in particular the State Governments/UTs. There are provisions under the Arms Act to take punitive action against those who violate the Act. Further, Central Government wherever necessary issues directions to the State Government/UTs for strict compliance of the Arms Act. The Act has elaborate provisions, under Section 19 to 27 to curb possession, illegal trade and use of unlicensed arms. In addition to the State Police Authorities, Personnel of the Central Arms Police Forces have also been empowered to search and seize arms, illegally held/traded by any person.
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